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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON OILSEEDS AND PULSES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have set up a technology mission of oilseeds and pulses;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the activities of technology mission since its inception; and
- (c) the details of the various works undertaken by the technology mission for the development of oilseeds and pulses, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government had constituted a Technology Mission on Oilseeds in 1986 in order to make the country self sufficient in the production of oilseeds/edible oils. Subsequently, in 1990 Pulses were added to the Mission. Oil Palm was brought under the Mission in 1992-93 and Maize in 1995-96.

The Technology Mission consists of 4 Mini Missions and the activities of these Mini Missions are as under:-

Mini Mission I - deals with the crop production technology.
Mini Mission II - deals with the Post Harvest Technology.
Mini Mission III - deals with Inputs & Services Supports to the farmers.
Mini Mission IV - deals with Price Support, Storage and Processing.

(c): Under Mini Mission I, ICAR have developed and released about 90 high yielding varieties in oilseeds and about 60 in pulses during Ninth Plan Period.

Under Mini Mission II CSIR have developed processing Technology for oil palm expellers for pungent mustard oil, refining technology for good quality rice bran oil, Mini Dal Mill for Pulses processing and value addition and undertaken upgradation of hullar rice mills to shellar rice mills.

Under Mini Mission III for increasing the production of oilseeds and pulses in the country, the Technology Mission has launched two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz. Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP). OPP is being implemented in 28 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal. Similarly, NPDP is being implemented in 30 States/UTs. viz. Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Delhi. Under these programmes incentives are being provided for the production and distribution of seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, and sprinkler sets, rhizobium culture, PSB and micro nutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst farmers, frontline demonstrations are organized by the I.C.A.R. Besides, block and integrated pest management demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture.

Under Oil Palm Development Programme assistance is given to the farmers for planting material, cultivation cost, drip irrigation, training, extension and publicity, demonstration, diesel pump set and development of waste land.

Under Mini Mission IV, NAFED have procured more than 16 lakh tonnes of oilseeds during last two years and the current year under Price Support Operation.

